

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

Since the Telecomm Act of 1996 you have done nothing but make it easier for conservative views to dominate the airwaves. If Sinclair's decision stays, then I would expect Sinclair to also allow an anti-Bush video be aired, such as "Hijacking Catastrophe: 9/11, Fear, and the Selling of an Empire" created by the Media Education Foundation.

If you're going to allow conservative views to be aired, then you need to balance out political views.

Public airspace is public, and not for someone like Sinclair to dominate. Make stricter rules on media regulation and stop screwing with the minds of the public.